

**METROPOLITAN LODGE NO. 11, A.F.&A.M.**

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**Metropolitan  
Lodge No. 11  
A. F. & A. M.  
Chartered December 11, 1860**



Meets in the Scottish Rite Temple, 4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227  
on the Second Thursday of each month

**ANNUAL DUES: 2020 – \$165.00**

**MAIL REMITTANCES TO SECRETARY**

**Brother Henry C. Payne, 4013 Old Creek Rd, Chesterfield, VA 23832-8387**

Any case of Illness or Distress of any member that may come to your attention should be promptly reported to the Senior Steward, Secretary or other Officer of the Lodge.

Number Eleven Class – Meets the Thursday Preceding the Stated Communication at 6:00 PM  
at the Scottish Rite Temple

R. Lewis Gibbs Masonic Class – Saturday Mornings – Scottish Rite Temple

Lodge Blood Drive Number – 2795

## FROM THE EAST

January 20, 2020

Brethren,

We will receive Right Worshipful William B Wichelman, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District 15-A, on his Official Visit to Metropolitan Lodge No. 11, at our February Stated Communication. I am looking forward to his official visit. I invite all that can to attend our February Stated Communication to meet and greet Right Worshipful Wichelman.

I hope that all who attended our January meeting, enjoyed the presentation by Ashley Abplanalp, a trainer on personal and business finance and the founder of The Money Mom. Her presentation was well received. She has provided an electronic copy of her presentation and anyone who would like a copy, please contact me by email and I will send it to you.

Congratulations to our newest 50 Year Veterans, Brother Paul Lee Rollison and Brother William Edward Lane. Although they were unable to attend lodge, it was an honor to send them their Veterans Emblem and Permanent Dues Card.

Brethren, please keep our ill and distressed, as well as those less fortunate, in your daily thoughts and prayers. Pray that our men and women in uniform are kept out of harm's way, and that they may soon return safely to their families and loved ones. Until we meet again, may we meet on the Level, act by the Plumb, and part on the Square.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Linwood Bennett  
Worshipful Master

**STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, February 13, 2020– 7:00 PM**

**OFFICIAL VISIT OF OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM B. WICHELMAN**

**ASSEMBLE: Scottish Rite Dining Room, 4204 Hermitage Road at 5:45 PM**

**DINNER 6:00 PM**

**OPEN LODGE 7:00 PM**

**Regular Business**

**Program – Receive our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful William B. Wichelman**

**CLOSE LODGE**

***OFFICERS DRESS*** – Tuxedos w/Black Accessories  
***MEMBERS & GUESTS:*** Please wear Business Attire (Coat & Tie)

**THE NO. 11 CLASS OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE HELD ON THE THURSDAY  
PRECEDING THE STATED COMMUNICATION**

**CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:**

None Scheduled at this time

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Robert Lewis Gibbs Saturday Class now meets every Saturday **Morning** at the Scottish Rite Temple

Thursday, February 13, 2020 – Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master,  
Right Worshipful William B. Wichelman, Masonic District 15A

Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 8:45 AM - Masters and Wardens Association Meeting at  
Richmond Scottish Rite, 4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Virginia  
>>>> **NOTE LOCATION CHANGE** <<<<

Thursday, March 13, 2020 – Official Visit of our Grand Master,  
Most Worshipful Douglas Vernon Jones

**LODGE OF SORROW**

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call two of our brothers from our midst:

	<b>WILLIAM THOMAS NIMMO</b>	<b>GORDON JACK MORROW</b>
Born:	July 15, 1950	July 24, 1930
Initiated an Entered Apprentice:	January 16, 1980	January 17, 1963
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:	February 29, 1980	February 21, 1963
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:	April 12, 1980	March 14, 1963
Worshipful Master:		1971
Fifty Year Masonic Veteran:		March 14, 2013
Died:	January 12, 2020	January 4, 2020

To their families, we extend our most sincere sympathies and condolences.

**PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – JANUARY 2020**

George H. Cooke III, Donnie R. Carter, Claude A. Bass, Jr., Robert E. Pagani  
J. Thomas Wadkins III, Christopher E. Loftus, W. Martin Myers, John W. Edelin III, Robert E. Cook  
Richard C. Kidd, Jason D. Clemmer, Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff, Lothar A. Bernhard  
Steven W. Sanford, Omer E. LaRochelle, Jr., John H. Hart

**ATTENDANCE – JANUARY 2020 STATED**

Past Masters – 17    Members – 13    Visitors – 12    Total – 42

Yearly Averages:

2005 – 76,    2006 – 77,    2007 – 74,    2008 – 72,    2009 – 69,    2010 – 60,    2011 – 61,    2012 – 49  
2013 – 48,    2014 – 47,    2015 – 53,    2016 – 49,    2017 – 46,    2018 – 47,    2019 – 38,    2020 – 42

**“Son of Confederate General, USNA graduate, retired a General”**

Born in Louisiana, 1867, and son of a Confederate general. He graduated from the USNA 1888 second in his class. In 1890 he was commissioned a USMC second lieutenant.

When WWI started, Br. Lejeune was put in charge of the Quantico Marine Barracks. In 1918 he was sent to France, was promoted to Major General. Br. Lejeune received the Distinguished Service Medal (Army) and Navy Distinguished Service Medal, additionally, France awarded him the Legion of Honor and Croix de guerre.

He received the degrees in Overseas Lodge No. 409. General Lejeune is reported to have called his driver to take him to a meeting. When he named the hour of departure, the driver's face fell. 'I was going to ask if I could get off this afternoon, sir,' he said. 'No, you had better come along,' the General replied. 'Yes sir,' said the driver. 'Where to, sir?' 'At the gate in front of the Temple, General Lejeune tarried a moment to tell the driver to be back promptly at seven. 'But, sir,' was the smiling reply, 'I also have been notified to report here this afternoon,' and together they entered the Temple to take their First Degrees.”

Br. Lejeune had nearly 40 years of service in the USMC, including commanding the Army's 2nd Division in WWI, he was 13th Commandant of the USMC, after he retired was the 5th Superintendent of VMI.

Br. Lejeune passed away in 1942. Sadly, his widow could not attend any services, as she was seriously ill, she also would not consent to, or authorize any kind of Masonic services.

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Brown, Platon A.	1968	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Cooke, III, George H.	1993
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Howell, John W.	1994
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Pagani, Robert E.	2000
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005
Lyell, John C.	1983	Jones, Douglas V., GM	2007
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2009
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM	2010-2011
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012
Houchins, Richard W.	1987	W. Martin Myers	2013
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	Robert E. Cook	2017
Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM	2018
Childrey, William E.	1992	Jason C. Clemmer	2019

**AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS**

Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
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Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM	(#9)
LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr.	(#244)
Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)